

Disclosed are an information processing apparatus and an information processing method which execute person authentication and allows various services such as receiving of contents to be received, provided that the authentication is successfully passed. In the information processing apparatus for executing, by a connection to an external server providing various services such as contents transmission, a process such as receiving of contents, person authentication is executed by comparing a template acquired from a person identification certificate storing a template which is person identification data of a user using the information processing apparatus with sampling information input by the user, and a connection to the external server is executed provided that the authentication is successfully passed. In addition, the person identification certificate and the public key certificate are stored in a memory together with link information in which the person identification certificate and the public key certificate applied during a process of establishing a connection to the server are related to each other.